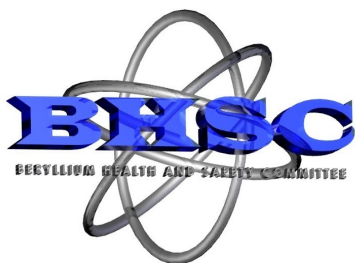


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BHSC NEWS



Fall 2015 BHSC and Associated Meetings

BHSC — November 2nd - 4th

JOWOG* — November 5th - 6th

**JOWOG is open to DOE and AWE employees only*

**Department of Energy, James V. Forrestal Building
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, D.C.**

OR

By Webinar**

Registration is Now Open

<http://www.orise.orau.gov/survey/BHSC/>

There is no cost for participation. Technical sessions typically qualify for American Board of Industrial Hygiene Certified Industrial Hygienist points.

For information/questions, please contact Linda Youmans, 803.952.7885 or linda.youmans@srs.gov

Please register by **Noon, October 19th, 2015.**

This will allow time for Forrestal to process building access information and for webinar connection instructions to be communicated to registrants.

****System Requirements for Webinar Participation**

PC-based attendees: Required: Windows® 8, 7, Vista, XP or 2003 Server

Mac®-based attendees: Required: Mac OS® X 10.6 or newer

Mobile attendees: Required: iPhone®, iPad®, Android™ phone or tablet.

A tentative meeting outline is located on [page 2](#).

Abstracts Needed

Abstracts are being solicited for our Fall meeting. Topics may be presented in person or via webinar with an approximate time allowance of 30 minutes that includes a question/answer session. We are interested in topics from all fields related to beryllium.

Please submit abstracts by September 15th. Notifications of acceptance will be given by September 25th.

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2015 BHSC Fall Meeting Outline

Monday, November 2nd

13:30	16:00	Board Meeting
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Tuesday, November 3rd

8:30	9:15	Registration, Introductions, and Roll call
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9:15	15:00	Technical Presentations
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15:00	17:00	Subcommittee Breakouts
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Wednesday, November 4th

8:30	9:15	Registration, Introductions, and Roll call
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9:15	10:45	Business Meeting
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10:45	17:00	Technical Presentations
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US-UK JOWOG (Joint Working Group) 30-1-1 Meeting **Open to DOE, DoD, and AWE employees only*

8:30	16:00	Thursday, November 5th
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8:30	12:30	Friday, November 6th
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NEWS Release

U.S. Department of Labor | August 6, 2015

OSHA proposal would lower beryllium levels, increase workplace protections

WASHINGTON — The federal government is proposing a new standard that would dramatically lower workplace exposure to beryllium, a widely used material that can cause devastating lung diseases. The proposal would apply to an estimated 35,000 workers covered by the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration. "This proposal will save lives and help thousands of workers stay healthy and be more productive on the job," said U.S. Secretary of Labor Thomas E. Perez. "We're pleased that industry has been such a strong voice in advocating for a more rigorous standard. The proposal is strong because of unprecedented partnership between manufacturers and the United Steelworkers."

Currently, OSHA's eight-hour permissible exposure limit for beryllium is 2.0 micrograms per cubic meter of air. Above that level, employers must take steps to reduce the airborne concentration of beryllium. That standard was originally established in 1948 by the Atomic Energy Commission and adopted by OSHA in 1971. OSHA's proposed standard would reduce the eight-hour permissible exposure limit to 0.2 micrograms per cubic meter. The proposed rule would also require additional protections, including personal protective equipment, medical exams, other medical surveillance and training.

Read more [HERE](#)

Proposed [OSHA Beryllium Rule Revision](#)

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<https://bhsc.llnl.gov/>

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Spotlight on...

SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS SUBCOMMITTEE

The Sampling and Analysis Subcommittee (SAS) has long been one of the most active in the BHSC, and 2015 has been no exception. So far this year, we have discussed the following topics in our conference calls:

- Laboratory accreditation issues around beryllium fields of testing;
- Status of the proposed AIHA beryllium field registry. This remains on hold due to funding issues;
- Review of standard analytical methods, and whether projected regulatory changes would create new gaps to be filled;
- Generic lessons learned from DOE beryllium assessments (a summary of this discussion was presented at the May 2015 BHSC Webinar meeting);
- Sampling and analysis issues with the DOE Beryllium Registry. A lack of consistency was identified in how “non-detect” data are formatted, and suggestions were offered on how to improve in that area.

In the run-up to the fall BHSC meeting, the SAS plans to focus its activities on the OSHA beryllium rulemaking proposal published on August 7.

Conference calls are normally held on the second Wednesday of each month at 11 AM Eastern time. To learn more, contact Mike Brisson, SAS chairman, at mike.brisson@srs.gov.

Revision to By-Laws

A revision to the bylaws is being proposed. Voting by the membership is expected at the meeting in November. A copy will be provided to the membership at least two weeks prior to voting, as outlined in Article XIII.

Submit articles and
ideas for our
newsletter to:

Linda Youmans at
linda.youmans@srs.gov

BHSC Dates to Remember—Fall 2015

Sampling/Analysis

August 12th
September 9th
October TBD
November 3rd (at DOEHQ)
December 9th

Samp/Analys Tech Topic

August 19th
September 16th
October 21th
November 18th
December 16th

Technical Standards

August 4th
September 1st
October 6th
November 3rd (at DOEHQ)
December 1st

Conference Call Dates

BHSC Board

August 18th
September 15h
October 20th
November 2nd *DC*
December 15th

Conference calls may be rescheduled/cancelled. Request to be added to the appropriate distribution list by contacting the subcommittee chair. See [Page 2](#) for contact information.

Risk Commun

August 13th
September 10th
October 8th
November 12th
December 10th

Medical/Epidem

August 20th
September 17th
October 15th
November 19th
December 17th

Meeting/Symposia

August 28th
September 24th
October 22nd
November NONE
December 31st

Scheduled Conference Calls

Enter conference ID (below) at prompt

ID*	Lead Call	Held	Call	
			Technical Stds	
9436017	S. Lee	Tue 1st	Board Call	
5070451	D. Fields	Tue 3rd		
1870451	M. Brisson	Wed 2nd	Samp/Analysis	
6114899	M. Brisson	Wed 3rd	Samp/Analysis Tech Iss	
1545906	Vacant	Wed 4th	Research Needs	
580133	S. Rock	Thu 2nd	Risk Communication	
7169017	K. Noonan	Thu 3rd	Medical/Epidem.	
613784	L. Youmans	Thu 4th	Meetings/Symposia	

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MEETING LOCATIONS

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Locations typically are a DOE, DoD, or AWE site.

If you would be interested in hosting a meeting, please contact :

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Technical Standards Subcommittee Report	S. Lee
Summary of Fall Meeting	L. Youmans

BHSC members and interested parties are encouraged to submit articles/suggestions for consideration.

*Submit all articles/suggestions to Linda Youmans, linda.youmans@srs.gov by February 1st, 2016.